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SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA

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1. IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON JUNE 25, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD TRAVEL TO INDIA, AFRICA, AND IRAN DURING THE SECOND HALF OF JULY. IN A SEPARATE STATEMENT, SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY CERVANTES DEL RIO IDENTIFIED THE COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED AS SENEGAL, TANZANIA, ALGERIA, EGYPT, IRAN AND INDIA.

2. ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOTE THAT FOREGOING LIST DIFFERS SLIGHTLY FROM THAT REPORTED REFTEL, WHICH INCLUDED GUYANA BUT OMITTED ALGERIA. SOURCE IN FOREIGN SECRETARIAT TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 25 THAT ITINERARY WAS STILL "UNDER CONSIDERATION."

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3. ECHEVERRIA SAID TRIP WOULD BE BRIEF (A COUPLE OF

WEEKS) BUT THAT HE COULD TRAVEL WITHOUT WORRY BECAUSE THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION CAMPAIGN IS DEVELOPING WITHIN A FRAMEWORK OF LAW. HE ADDED THAT HE HOPED, BEFORE THE END OF THIS TERM OF OFFICE, TO DRAW CLOSER TO "ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD." (WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THIS IMPLIES IN TERMS OF STILL FURTHER TRAVEL ABROAD.)

4. COMMENT: THE PROJECTED PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL IS A REVERSAL OF ECHEVERRIA'S ANNOUNCEMENT EARLY IN THE YEAR THAT HE WOULD NOT GO ABROAD IN 1975. IT IS AT ONCE AN INDICATION OF HIS CONFIDENCE THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION QUESTION IS UNDER CONTROL AND THAT HE CONTINUES TO SEEK A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL -- PARTICULARLY THIRD WORLD -- AFFAIRS.
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